

Response

Applicant: Thane M. Larson et al.

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Title: SERVER SYSTEM WITH MULTIPLE MANAGEMENT USER INTERFACES

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 16-18, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gallagher et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,971,804 ("Gallagher"). Claims 5, 10, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallagher.

With this Response, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-14 and 16-21. Claims 1-14 and 16-21 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 16-18, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gallagher et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,971,804 ("Gallagher"). Independent claim 1 is directed to a server system and recites "**a server management card** coupled to the plurality of printed circuit assemblies for monitoring and managing operation of the server system". Independent claim 11 is directed to a method of communicating with a server system and recites "**providing a management card** in the server system including a plurality of user interfaces". Independent claim 20 is directed to "**a server management card**" and recites "a plurality of user interfaces".

With respect to each of these independent claims, the Examiner indicated that control station 22 of Gallagher is a management card as recited in the claims. (Office Action at para. no. 4, page 2; para. no. 12, page 4; and para. no. 15, page 6). However, control station 22 is not a "card". Gallagher discloses that control station 22 comprises a mechanical enclosure or case that encloses a motherboard 67, a server interconnect printed circuit board 68, I/O adapter cards 85, as well as other elements. (See, e.g., Gallagher at Figs. 5C and 8; col. 6, lines 65-66; col. 7, lines 9-13, and 27-41; col. 9, lines 30-33; and col. 11, lines 25-29). Thus, control station 22 is not a management card as recited in independent claims 1, 11, and 20. There is also no teaching or suggestion in Gallagher that control station 22 includes a management card as recited in independent claims 1, 11, and 20.

In view of the above, Gallagher does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 1, 11, or 20. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection of

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claims 1, 11, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and requests allowance of these claims. Since dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 12, 13, 16-18, and 21 further limit patentably distinct claim 1, 11, or 20, and recite limitations that are not taught or suggested by the cited reference, claims 2-4, 6-9, 12, 13, 16-18, and 21 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 2-4, 6-9, 12, 13, 16-18, and 21 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 5, 10, 14, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallagher. Dependent claims 5, 10, 14, and 19 further limit patentably distinct claim 1 or 11, and, as acknowledged by the Examiner at paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Office Action, recite limitations that are not taught or suggested by the cited reference. In view of the above, claims 5, 10, 14, and 19 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 5, 10, 14, and 19 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-14 and 16-21 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-14 and 16-21 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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